



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Satoshi OTSUKA**

Group Art Unit: **2811**

Application Number: **10/816,955**

Examiner: **Samuel A. Gebremariam**

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Confirmation Number: **2296**

For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING  
THE SAME**

Attorney Docket Number: **042322**  
Customer Number: **38834**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, the response date of which having been extended by one month to April 15, 2006, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.